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SUBJECT: MOROCCO UTILIZATION OF FY 75 FMS CREDIT

REF (A) SECDEF 211536Z JAN 76, (B) CHMUSLO 131740Z JAN 76

1. REFTEL (B) PARA 5, PROVIDES RATIONALE FOR AND REQUESTS APPROVAL OF \$6,854,500 OF FY 75 FMS CREDIT FOR PURCHASE OF GRUMMAN GULFSTREAM II AIRCRAFT. REFTEL (A) PARA 1, ADVISES THAT USG NOT PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE SUCH USE OF FMS CREDIT. REFTEL (A) GAVE NO REASON FOR THIS POSITION.

2. WE HAVE NOT YET INFORMED GOM OF NON-AVAILABILITY OF FMS CREDIT FOR GRUMMAN GULFSTREAM AND REQUEST THAT POLITICAL AND MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF THIS MATTER BE EXAMINED FURTHER BY DEPT AND DOD BEFORE OUR DECISION IS CONVEYED TO GOM. AS POINTED OUT IN REF (B), KING HASSAN IS PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN THIS AIRCRAFT, WHICH HE ENVISAGES AS COMMAND POST AIRCRAFT FOR OVERALL CONTROL OF MOROCCAN MILITARY FORCES. KING IS ALSO OBVIOUSLY ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN THIS SENSITIVE ITEM FROM US SUPPLIER. FURTHERMORE, MOROCCANS BELIEVE THEY WILL GAIN BETTER LEAD TIME ON PURCHASE THROUGH FMS AND THAT INCREASED CONFIDENTIALITY WILL BE ASSURED. SUCH CONFIDENTIALITY MAY BE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO GOM AS THE PROPOSED PURCHASE MAY INDICATE KING CONSIDERING RESUMING FLYING HIMSELF FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1972 ABORTIVE COUP.

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3. WE URGE, IN VIEW OF KING'S PERSONAL INTEREST AND THE
CLEAR DEFENSE APPLICATION OF THE PURCHASE, THAT MOROCCAN
REQUEST FOR FMS CREDIT FOR THIS ITEM BE EXPEDITIOUSLY
APPROVED.
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